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GIPSA Settles a Case with B&B Buyers, Inc. Resulting in a \$4,700 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 2014 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

B&B Buyers, Inc., Chinook, Mont. – waived its right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$4,700 after GIPSA found that it marked-up prices on livestock purchased on commission for the account of others.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.